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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to health and human services; to create and  
2 provide duties for the Nebraska Immunization Registry  
3 Task Force; to provide a termination date; and to declare  
4 an emergency.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. The Nebraska Immunization Registry Task Force  
2 is created. The task force shall consist of the following members  
3 appointed as provided in this section:

4           (1) One member of the Health and Human Services Committee  
5 of the Legislature and one member of the Appropriations Committee  
6 of the Legislature, both appointed by the Executive Board of the  
7 Legislative Council;

8           (2) The chief medical officer if one is appointed  
9 pursuant to section 81-3201, and if not, then the Director of  
10 Regulation and Licensure;

11           (3) The following members appointed by the Governor from  
12 a list of at least three names, unless otherwise indicated,  
13 submitted by the applicable entity:

14           (a) One representative of the Nebraska Public Health  
15 Association;

16           (b) One representative of the Nebraska Nurses  
17 Association;

18           (c) One representative of a partnership of local health  
19 departments, from a list of six names submitted;

20           (d) One representative of the largest statewide,  
21 multi-issue, multipurpose children's advocacy organization;

22           (e) One representative of the health insurer authorized  
23 to conduct the business of insurance in Nebraska with the largest  
24 total Nebraska health insurance premium income;

25           (f) One representative of the health insurer authorized  
26 to conduct the business of insurance in Nebraska with the second  
27 largest total Nebraska health insurance premium income;

28           (g) One representative of the health insurer authorized

1 to conduct the business of insurance in Nebraska with the third  
2 largest total Nebraska health insurance premium income;

3 (h) One physician member of the Nebraska Medical  
4 Association who is also a member of the Nebraska Academy of Family  
5 Physicians;

6 (i) One physician member of the Nebraska Chapter of the  
7 American Academy of Pediatrics;

8 (j) One representative of the Nebraska Pharmacists  
9 Association;

10 (k) One member of the Nebraska School Nurses Association;

11 (l) One person representing the Nebraska Association of  
12 School Boards;

13 (m) One person representing the Nebraska Minority Public  
14 Health Association;

15 (n) One person representing the Nebraska Association of  
16 Hospitals and Health Systems;

17 (o) One person representing the Nebraska Health Care  
18 Association;

19 (p) One person representing the Nebraska Health  
20 Information Management Association;

21 (q) One representative of the Nebraska Parent-Teachers  
22 Association;

23 (r) One representative of the Nebraska state office of  
24 the American Association of Retired Persons;

25 (s) One representative of the University of Nebraska at  
26 Omaha College of Information Science and Technology who is familiar  
27 with systems analysis, information, and management;

28 (t) Two persons representing community action agencies in

1 Nebraska, from a list of six names submitted; and

2 (u) One representative of the Nebraska Medical Group  
3 Management Association; and

4 (4) The following members appointed by the Governor:

5 (a) One person representing a private school or private  
6 schools in Nebraska;

7 (b) One person representing licensed child care  
8 facilities;

9 (c) One person representing drug manufacturers;

10 (d) One representative from the Centers for Disease  
11 Control and Prevention of the Public Health Service of the United  
12 States Department of Health and Human Services or its successor;

13 (e) One person representing an employer in this state  
14 which is among the five largest employers in the state, by number  
15 of employees, and which is not related to the health-care industry  
16 or to the insurance industry; and

17 (f) One licensed practical nurse.

18 The Governor shall make the appointments under this  
19 section so that there is a balance in gender, representation from  
20 the three congressional districts, and fair ethnic and minority  
21 representation, to the extent possible. The same person may  
22 represent more than one category of appointee.

23 The members representing the Nebraska Public Health  
24 Association and the Nebraska Medical Association shall serve as  
25 co-chairpersons of the task force. The member of the Health and  
26 Human Services Committee of the Legislature appointed under  
27 subdivision (1) of this section and the members of the task force  
28 appointed under subdivisions (2), (3)(a), (3)(c), (3)(e), (3)(h),

1 (3)(i), (3)(k), (3)(m), and (3)(s) of this section shall make up  
2 the core committee of the task force and shall be responsible for  
3 carrying out the duties of the task force described in sections 3  
4 to 5 of this act. The remaining members of the task force shall  
5 serve in an advisory capacity to the core committee.

6 Sec. 2. The Nebraska Immunization Registry Task Force  
7 shall begin its work on July 1, 2001. The Department of Health and  
8 Human Services shall provide staff support for the task force with  
9 assistance from the Department of Health and Human Services Finance  
10 and Support and the Department of Health and Human Services  
11 Regulation and Licensure as may be necessary. The task force is  
12 encouraged to seek additional support from other public and private  
13 entities to assist the task force in completing its duties. Each  
14 member of the task force who is not a state employee shall be  
15 reimbursed for his or her expenses incurred as a member of such  
16 task force as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

17 Sec. 3. The Nebraska Immunization Registry Task Force  
18 shall study the following issues and make recommendations to the  
19 Governor and the Legislature:

20 (1) The development of a plan to implement a statewide  
21 immunization registry;

22 (2) Changes needed in the law in order to enact a  
23 statewide immunization registry law;

24 (3) The information that should be included in an  
25 effective statewide immunization registry for Nebraska;

26 (4) The goals and purposes of a statewide immunization  
27 registry;

28 (5) The persons and entities who or which should have

1 access to the information contained in the statewide immunization  
2 registry;

3 (6) How the information in a statewide immunization  
4 registry should be kept current;

5 (7) The person or entity who or which should have the  
6 responsibility to update statewide immunization registry data;

7 (8) The agency or entity which should control the  
8 statewide immunization registry;

9 (9) The necessary system and infrastructure;

10 (10) Which age groups should participate in a statewide  
11 immunization registry;

12 (11) How a statewide immunization registry could be  
13 funded, including, but not limited to, startup costs, maintenance  
14 costs, and possible funding sources;

15 (12) How data from a statewide immunization registry  
16 could be shared with other jurisdictions within and outside the  
17 state;

18 (13) Confidentiality of information in the statewide  
19 immunization registry; and

20 (14) Any other issues the task force finds relevant to  
21 creating and maintaining an effective statewide immunization  
22 registry.

23 Sec. 4. The Nebraska Immunization Registry Task Force  
24 shall seek input from other agencies and groups with an interest in  
25 developing a statewide immunization registry. To achieve this  
26 goal, the task force may convene meetings and subcommittees with  
27 others to assist the task force. The task force shall review the  
28 statewide immunization registry plans in other states and studies

1 already conducted by others in this state on the issue. The task  
2 force may seek legal advice from the Attorney General or other  
3 legal counsel regarding legal issues affecting a statewide  
4 immunization registry. The budget division of the Department of  
5 Administrative Services and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst shall  
6 assist the task force in reviewing state and local funding issues.

7           Sec. 5. The Nebraska Immunization Registry Task Force  
8 shall report to the Legislature and the Governor by December 15,  
9 2001, with either a final report, if it has completed its work, or  
10 with a preliminary report of its progress to date. If the task  
11 force has not completed its work by that date, it shall issue its  
12 final report by December 15, 2002.

13           Sec. 6. This act terminates on January 1, 2003.

14           Sec. 7. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect  
15 when passed and approved according to law.